GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ABSTRACT

Regulation of Trade in Abnus Leaf – 2009 Beedi Leaf Season – Sale Notice and Agreement Conditions approved – Permission for Notification – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 478

Dated:05-11-2008.
Read the following:-

1.Prl.CCF Ref.No.1514/2008/M1 (STC), dt. 26.07.2008. 2. G.O.Ms. No. 103, EFS&T (For.III) Dept., dt. 25.08.2008.

ORDER:

The Government vide G.O.Ms.No.103, dated. 26-7-2008, vide reference 1st read above, have appointed the Andhra Pradesh Food Development Corporation as agent to Government for 2009 Beedi Leaf season, as proposed by the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests., Hyderabad.

The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests., Hyderabad, vide reference 2nd read above, have stated that during 2008 BL season, 440 BL units were notified for sale, out of which 313 units were disposed off. The achievement has been 5.160 lakhs SBs, for the target of 5.517 lakh SBs, which is 93.52% of the target. As per the current indications, the beedi leaf trade appears to be picking up and there is a possibility of the Department to dispose off more number of beedi leaf units than during 2008 BL season. It is decided to initiate the sale process for 2009 BL season much in advance like in 2008 season and take advantage of the good market trend of Beedi Leaf trade. Therefore, he has conducted, meetings with the Conservators of Forests, Telangana Region and FDPT, Srisailam on 25.8.2008 and with the Beedi Leaf Contractors Associations on 23.9.2008 to discuss the mode of approach for 2009 season. During the meeting, the Conservators of Forests and other officers felt that the existing provisions of the tender and agreement conditions are adequate and there is no need to make any changes. The Beedi Leaf Contractors, were also informed that the department is not contemplating to make any changes to the tender and agreement conditions. It is also informed that the Beedi Leaf Contractors Association, have submitted a representation dated 23-9-2008 during the meeting with their suggestions for amendment to the Sale Notice and Agreement Conditions and for issuing suitable instructions to the field officers for certain items not covered by the sale notice, agreement conditions for the effective implementation of the 2009 BL Season. The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests., Hyderabad has examined the suggestions made by the Association and furnished suitable reply to them on all the suggestions, except the issue of 50% remission on the collection of leaf over and above the notified target, on which Government have to issue orders.

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- 3. The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests., Hyderabad has also informed that the proposes to conduct 1st sale of Beedi Leaf units for 2009 season on 17.12.2008 followed by the 2nd sale on 03.01.2009. Therefore action has to be initiated for notifying the sale of Beedi Leaf in the newspapers etc. He has also stated that no changes are proposed for the sale notice and agreement conditions, and therefore, the sale notice and agreement conditions during 2008 will be adopted during 2009 also. He has requested the Government to permit the department to go ahead with the notification of sale of Beedi Leaf units 2009 season.
- 4. In the circumstances stated above, and after careful examination, Government hereby permit the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests., Hyderabad to go ahead with the Notification of sale of Beedi Leaf Units for 2009, starting from 17-12-2008, in terms of the sale notice and agreement conditions of 2008.
- 5. The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests., Hyderabad is requested to take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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To

The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests., A.P. Hyderabad.

The Vice Chairman and Managing Director.,

A.P. Forest Development Corporation., Hyderabad.

The Accountant General., A.P. Hyderabad.

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SECTION OFFICER